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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, SF  
SUBJECT: HIGH COURT DENIES SASO/BPC APPEAL

REF: PRETORIA 2118 AND PREVIOUS

1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, THE APPELLATE DIVISION OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN SUPREME COURT IN BLOEMFONTEIN HAS REFUSED TO GRANT LEAVE TO APPEAL FOR THE NINE SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS' ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND BLACK PEOPLE'S CONVENTION (BPC) MEMBERS CONVICTED AT THE MARATHON 16-MONTH "SASO/BPC" OR "BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS" TRIAL IN PRETORIA. (THE NINE WERE FOUND GUILTY OF TWO COUNTS UNDER THE TERRORISM ACT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DECMBER 1976 AND GIVEN FIVE OR SIX YEAR SENTENCES. THEY HAVE BEEN IMPRISONED ON ROBBER ISLAND SINCE CONVICTION AND THE APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS SPENT IN DETENTION PRIOR TO DECEMBER 1976 DOES NOT AFFECT THEIR SENTENCES.)

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE BLOEMFONTEIN DECISION WAS

THE LAST REMAINING HOPE FOR THE SASO/BPC PRISONERS,  
THIS HIGH COURT DECISION DID NOT TAKE ANYONE BY SUR-  
PRISE. SEVERAL SASO/BPC DEFENSE LAWYERS HAD PRE-  
VIOUSLY TOLD AN ENBOFF THAT THE COURT WAS UNLIKELY TO  
GRANT AN APPEAL.  
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